

**CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**June 1, 2015**  
**Adopted Budget**

**CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present the Adopted Fiscal Year 2015/16 annual budget for Catawba County, as approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 1, 2015.

On May 18, 2015, I presented my recommended budget. Budget hearings were held on May 26, 2015, with a public hearing wrap up session on May 28, 2015. During deliberations, the Board made changes to the budget as follows:

- The NC E-911 Board certified a lower payment to the County (\$1,381) to serve as the primary public safety answering point (PSAP) for E-911 calls and to the cities of Hickory (\$83) and Newton (\$26) to provide secondary services.
- \$85,518 was added to Utilities & Engineering consistent with an agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners on May 18, 2015 with Gilbane Building Company. The company agreed to pay the County upfront for the full cost of dedicating a full-time Building Inspector III position for the purpose of expediting inspection reviews at the Apple construction site.
- \$6,158 is added to the Bed, Bath, and Beyond Incentive payment based on a higher business personal property listing than originally budgeted.
- \$12,900 is added to the Sheriff's Budget for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).
- \$100,000 is added to complete security measures at Catawba County Schools.

The final budget is \$235,495,973. The budget document reflects the budget appropriations and outcomes as adopted by the Board on June 1, 2015, and establishes a property tax rate of 57.5 cents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Thomas Lundy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "Lundy" clearly distinguishable.

J. Thomas Lundy  
County Manager